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TAGS: PFOR, TC, FR

SUBJECT: SHAIKH ZAYID'S VISIT TO PARIS

REF: ABU DHABI 1482

1. OUR INQUIRIES ADDRESSED TO QUAI OFFICIALS ABOUT SHAIKH ZAYID'S VISIT TO FRANCE HAVE ELICITED DECLARATIONS ON ITS BASICALLY "CEREMONIAL" CHARACTER AND PROTESTATIONS THAT ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RESULTS WERE, AS THE FRENCH HAD ANTICIPATED, MINIMAL. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE MIDDLE EAST SERVANT TOLD US JULY 10 THAT MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL EVENTS WERE ONLY LIGHTLY TOUCHED UPON IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SHAIKH (WHO REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY INFERENCE THAT ISRAEL, AS A STATE, EXISTS) AND THAT NO ECONOMIC OR MILITARY AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED DURING HIS VIST. SERVANT ASCRIBED THE LACK OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO THE MEAGER QUALITY OF THE

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2. COMMENT: THIS QUAI REACTION IS WHAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED IF, AS SEEMS NOT UNLIKELY, REFTTEL'S DESCRIPTION OF THE VISIT IS ACCURATE. ALTHOUGH WE TEND NOT TO ASCRIBE ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO THE GESTURE, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DURING HIS RECEPTION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON JULY 4, SHAIKH ZAYID SPENT ONE-THIRD OF HIS ALLOTTED 15 MINUTES TALKING AMIABLY WITH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, EMBASSY MIDEAST POLOFF MELONE, THE NEXT-TO-LOWEST RANKING OF THE OVER ONE HUNDRED DIPLOMATS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY AT THE QUAI.
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